SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: இங்கு அத்தகைய ப்ரொபெஸர்கள் கிடைக்கவில்லையென்றால் வெளிநாட்டிலிருந்து சிறந்த தகுந்த ப்ரொபெஸர்களை வரவழைத்து அந்தப் பாட போதனையை நடத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் வகைசெய்யுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: இந்தியாவிலேயே வேறு ராஜ்யங்களில் இருக்கிறார்களா என்பதைப் பார்த்துவிட்டு, அவ்விதம் இல்லையென்றால் அதற்குப் பிறகு வெளி நாட்டிலிருந்து வரவழைப்பதைப்பற்றி ஆலோசிக்கலாம்.

SRI T. T. DANIEL: May I know whether it is due to the fact that the scale of pay of these Professors is not very attractive, that we are not getting Professors trained in these subjects?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not think so.

Smallpox

*790 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken to eradicate smallpox; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal for mass revaccination throughout the State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) & (*b*) A National Smallpox eradication programme which provides for the revaccination of the entire State within a period of three years has been included in the draft Third Five-Year Plan. To help in the proper implementation of the programme, a pilot project for smallpox eradication has been started in Chingleput district. Besides, a special drive for the eradication of smallpox in Madras City has been launched by the Corporation with the advice and assistance of the State Public Health Department.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know whether the World Health Organization has given any aid or grant for the eradication of this disease?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: I am not aware of such aid in this case. They have given it for eradication of malaria. But this is a venture by both the Central and State Governments. As for the pilot scheme in the Chingleput district, it is entirely financed by the Central Government.

SRI M. K. SOMASUNDARAM: Sir, may I know how many prosecutions have been launched in connection with primary vaccination and revaccination under rules 3 and 4 and punished under sections 137 and 190 of the Madras Public Health Act, 1920?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: இந்த விபரங்கள் வேண்டுமென்றால் தனிக்கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Sir, is the Home Minister aware of the fact that there have been large-scale casualties and deaths in a portion of the Chingleput district recently due to smallpox in spite of the measures taken by the Government for the eradication of this disease in the State? No such relief measures

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have apparently been taken in the area referred to by me with the result hat there has been a heavy toll of lives. So, will the Hon. Minister tell us whether any action has been taken in that area ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Unfortunately occurrence of smallpox is a normal feature in our country. That is why we want to eradicate this disease from our country by launching this National Eradication Programme. Now a pilot scheme will operate in the Chingleput district and we hope that within about three years we will be able to eradicate this disease because it is mainly a question of vaccination and revaccination. If that is done to the whole population, the disease can be eradicated.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know why the Government have failed to eradicate the disease once for all from our State in the last twelve years since we attained Independence ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: It is a big problem. The hon. Member should thank himself that the Government are now coming forward to eradicate it within a short period.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR: Granting that mass vaccination will be done and completed within three years, may I know whether it will be effective for the life-time of a person or whether it will be necessary for him to get revaccinated in the intervening period to eradicate this disease ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: We hope that by this programme we will be able to see that the disease is wiped out.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM: ஸார், பெரியம்மையைத் தவிர்ப்பதற்கு, மூன்று வருடத்திற்குள்ளாகவே இதை அறவே போக்கடிப்பதற்காக திட்டம் வகுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாக அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தெரிவித்தார்கள். அதில், அம்மை குத்துவது மூலமாகத்தான் இதை ஒழிக்கப்படுமா, அல்லது டாக்டர்கள் மூலமாக வைத்தியம் செய்து ஒழிக்கப்படுமா என்கிற விபரங்களை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: டாக்டர் மூலமாக ஒழிப்பது என்பது, இந்த நோய் வந்த பின்னால், டாக்டர்களைக் கொண்டுவந்து சிகிச்சை நடத்தலாம். ஆனால் இந்தத் திட்டம், முற்றிலும் இந்த நோயையே தடுக்கவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகத்தான் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

Pearl fishery

*791 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the amount realized by way of pearl fishing in the year 1958–59; and

(b) for how many more years, this operation is expected to be continued ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (a) A net revenue of Rs. 4,18,151 was realized.

(b) The continuance of pearl fishery operations in the future years will depend upon the results of the Departmental Survey, which is conducted annually to assess the availability of matured oysters,